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- a. Only locomotives are permitted to proceed from the direction of Teltow to Berlin-Tempelhof (Western sector). Locomotives and empty trains are permitted to proceed in the opposite direction. The locomotive and train personnel are bound to report to KVP control personnel in Teltow without special order.
- b. There will be no rail traffic from Mahlow-Lichtenrade to the Western sectors.
- c. Trains from Berlin-Grünwald will no longer proceed as far as Goerlitzer Bahnhof (Western sector) but will start and end at Berlin-Treptow (freight station). Freight trains have to be directed via Berlin-Schoeneweide.

2. [redacted] no locomotives or empty trains will pass through the Western sectors, except for inter-zonal trains, some mail trains and short-distance freight trains which serve the Western sectors. Locomotives for these trains have to be directed via Schoeneweide.

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3. [redacted] all trains, including empty ones, from and to West Berlin are to be directed via the Outer Freight Ring and that strict controls of train and locomotive personnel are being made by VPs at the control points.

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Comment. It is believed that the restrictions indicated also apply to the northern and western sections of West Berlin. The new measures were undertaken as political pressure against West Berlin. So far they result in a hampering rather than a reduction of West Berlin traffic since certain crossing points may still be used under strict control. Effective 10 April, the rail traffic situation will be as follows:

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- a. All East German traffic through Berlin, presumably also including passenger traffic, is directed via the Outer Freight Ring.
- b. ~~International express trains and inter-zonal trains proceed to and from~~

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- d. It is not known whether freight trains loaded in West Berlin are forwarded from the sector boundary.

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- a. All East German traffic through Berlin, presently also including passenger traffic, is directed via the Outer Freight Ring.
- b. International express trains and inter-zonal trains proceed to and from Berlin as previously, but with progressively tighter control.

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